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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/971,131  
Filed: October 4, 2001  
Title: **SPINDLE NUT RETAINER**  
Inventor(s): Tuthill  
Attorney Docket No.: 21488/04040

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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Asst. Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of the statutory period for response to the Office Action dated November 25, 2002. A check for the fee is enclosed. Please treat this letter as a request for any other necessary extensions and as authorization to charge our deposit account 03-0172 for any additional fees. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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